REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005.

Claims 1-4, 6, 10-13, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Parkkila, U.S. Patent No. 6,223,037. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to provide, in part, for, "[a] method for use in network acquisition in a cellular radio communications device comprising the steps of: storing details of the cell, as cell information, to which the device was connected at the time of loss of the network for at least prior first and second separate instances of network loss ...." Independent claim 10 has been amended to provide, in part, for, "[a] cellular radio communication device having storing means for storing details of the cell, as cell information, to which the device was connected at the time of loss of the network for at least prior first and second instances of network loss; ...." Antecedent basis for the amendments to independent claims 1 and 10 is found in the specification, for example, on page 6, lines 10-15, and page 7, line 20, to page 8, line 3.

Regarding claims 1 and 10, the Examiner, in his analysis, indicates that Parkkila discloses "[a] mobile station in which values of various cellular system parameters are stored in memory," (Office Action, page 2, paragraph 2, lines 3-6). However, such a disclosure is <u>not</u> equivalent to the claimed feature of independent claims 1 and 10 indicating storing cell information of the cell "to which the device was connected at the time of loss of the network for at least prior first and second" " instances of network loss." Such a feature is nowhere taught, disclosed, or suggested by Parkkila.

Since claims 2-4, 6, 11-13, and 15 are directly or indirectly dependent upon one of independent claims 1 and 10, they are allowable over Parkkila for the same reasons recited above with respect to the allowability of independent claims 1 and 10 over Parkkila.

Claims 5, 7-9, 14, and 16-17 were rejected 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Parkkila in view of Bamburak et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,311,064. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since claims 5, 7-9, 14, and 16 are directly dependent upon one of independent claims 1 and 10, they are allowable over Parkkila for the same reasons recited above with respect to the

allowability of independent claims 1 and 10 over Parkkila. With regard to Bamburak et al., like Parkkila, it also does not disclose, teach, or suggest the feature of independent claims 1 and 10 of storing cell information of a cell "to which the device was connected at the time of loss of the network for at least prior first and second" "instances of network loss." The various search methods allegedly disclosed by Bamburak et al., according to the Examiner, are not equivalent to the aforementioned feature of independent claims 1 and 10 and, therefore, of dependent claims 5, 7-9, 14, and 16.

With regard to independent claim 17, it provides, in part, for, "[a] method for use in network acquisition in a cellular radio communication device comprising the steps: on turn off of the radio communication device, identifying whether or not the current cell details that are the details at the turn off of the radio communication device are already stored; .... storing the current cell details, if the current cell details have not been stored; determining whether or not the total number of cells whose details have been stored exceeds a threshold value; shifting to the power off stage, if the threshold value has not been reached; removing the oldest stored cell details from the stored cell details and shifting to the power off stage, if the threshold value has been reached;...". Neither Parkkila nor Bamburak et al. teaches discloses or suggests the repeated storing of current cell details that are the details at the turn off of a radio communication device as long as those current cell details are not already stored, and maintaining stored cell details as long as the number of cells for which cell details are stored do not exceed a threshold value.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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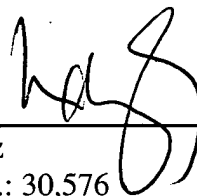
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